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<TEXT>I am a 35 year old student, part time worker and single mother of two. I depend on my phone for the safty and well-being of my family. As I am constantly on the run, I depend on my phone to maintain communication with my children. I can not afford to pay more for my phone , as it is with the price of service it is difficult to maintain. I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

Michele Martin

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